

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006 ("*Office Action*"). Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. The *Office Action* rejects all pending claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

I. Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-30 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over Claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,121. *Office Action*, p. 2. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's comments regarding the claims of the present Application or their purported relationship to the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,121, Applicants submit the attached Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-30.

II. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. No representation is made that a search has been made, that these references are material to the patentability of the present invention, or that these references qualify as prior art.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant believes that the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has been filed after the mailing date of the first Official Action but before the mailing date of either a Notice of Allowance or a Final Office Action. Therefore, Applicant attaches a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the required filing fee. Also, as noted in the attached Terminal Disclaimer, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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